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Mr. Wilmer Reyes CBS Operations 20 Stanwix Street, 10th Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Re: 0110300003 - Bureau County

New Jersey Zinc/Mobil Chemical Superfund/Technical Reports

Operable Unit 5 – Lake DePue

Dear Mr. Grapski and Mr. Reyes:

The Supplemental Sediment Investigation Work Plan (Phase 1) Operable Unit 5, Lake DePue, DePue, Illinois was submitted by the DePue Group in June 2016 as a proposal for addressing uncertainty in the interpretation of results in the OU5 baseline ecological risk assessment (BERA), specifically in regard to the central portion of Lake DePue (the formerly dredged area) by collecting additional data. This submittal was followed by a Technical Memorandum describing candidate reference areas (July 1, 2016), and responses to comments (July 22, 2016) which addressed the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's (Illinois EPA) initial review of the Work Plan The documents were submitted by Arcadis on behalf of the DePue Group.

Illinois EPA has proposed an alternative approach to what the DePue Group has proposed. This approach was provided to the DePue Group via e-mail on April 12, 2017, and is included as an attachment to this letter for purposes of documentation for the Administrative Record.

Illinois EPA understands the DePue Group is considering this approach and preparing an outline for further discussion.

Sincerely,

Project Manager

Federal Site Remediation Section

Bureau of Land

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cc: Elizabeth Wallace, Office of the Illinois Attorney General Jennifer Elkins, USEPA, Region 5

/Attachment: Potential Alternative Approach for Lake DePue Sampling, April 11, 2017